SHRI A. K. ANTONY : The Central Government is distributing PDS sugar as per the quota, to all the States. Regarding allocation and distribution to the PDS shops and ration card holders, it is the duty of the State Governments. If any complaint about any State is coming, we will certainly refer it to that State Government and take action.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, that was not my question. My question was that those who are having ration cards are not. getting sugar through ration shops even in Delhi. I am drawing the attention of the Minister to this.

SHRI A. K. ANTONY : Regarding Delhi also the responsibility of the Central Government is to procure and distribute it to the State Government as per its allotted quota. It is the duty of the State Government to supply it to the ra-tioncard holders through the ration shops.

श्री. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : अला-दिड कोटे के मुताबिक नहीं दे रहे हैं ?

There is a 20 per cent cut in the allotted quota.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHA-TURVEDI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Advisory Committee is attached to the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution System. In this House and elsewhere also it has been discussed that from the viewpoint of the economy, the sub-sidy can be reduced. That is why this is the system that we should adopt. But, that is for the Finance Minister.

So far as the Minister of Civil Supplies is concerned, he is keen that the Public Distribution System should be target-oriented and that it should be strengthened. That is why, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister why, once the Advisory Committee has made the recommendation, there should be such an inordinate delay by the Government of India in taking a decis o on an all India basis to ensure that the target groups are really served much more effectively. What are those consideration what are those factors which necessitate such a prolonged considera on on the part of the Ministry before taking a decision in such an urgent matter ?

SHRI A. K. ANTONY : It is because in the Advisory Committee itself there was no unanimity, and some of the important States have already raised their objections to exclusion of certain categories. So, we want a further dialogue with all the State Governments. India being a federal state, we do not want to take any unilateral decision on a matter concerning the entire population of this country.

Mafias entering Labour Unions

683. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that mafias have entered the labour movement, as recently observed in Bombay's biggest textile union RMMS ;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government in legal and administrative spheres to counteract mafias' entry, which destroys trade union democarcy ;

(c) whether Government have enquired that thousands of unions don't hold general body/executive committee meetings and hold no democratic elections ;

(d) whether Government would appoint observers to ensure that

*The question was actually asked on the floo of the House by Shu Chimanbhai Mehta.

elections in major unions are hied regularly and democratically;

(e) if not the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government have received the report on the recent RMMS elections in Bombay ; and

(g) if so, what are the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR):
(a) to (g) The Trade Unions Act, 1926 provides for registration of trade unions of employees and workers. The Act is implemented by the State Governments. The manner in which the members of the executives and other officer bearers of the trade unions should be appointed and removed is to be incorporated in the rules of the trade unions and submitted to the Registrar of Trade Unions at the time of applying for registration. The State Government has no power to interfere in intra union matters under the Trade Unions Act. The remedy in such disputes is to approach the Civil courts.

The Government of Maharashtra have informed that they have no information regarding entry of mafias in the labour movement. They have also not enquired about holding general body and executive committee meetings of the trade unions. The Trade Unions Act does not provide for appointment of an observer to ensure regular and democratic elections in trade unions. The State Government have also not received any report on the recent RMMS elections in Bombay.

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता : सभापति महोदय, मंत्री जी ने जो जवाब दिया है, वह आपने सुन लिया है मैंने जो प्रश्न पूछा है, वह यह है कि लेबर मूवमेंट में काफी हद तक माफिया की इंटरी हो चुकी है। वे बड़ी बड़ी यूनियंस के प्रेजीडेंट तक को भी बदल देते हैं। मर्डर इतने हुए हैं बिहार के बड़े नेता आए, वीणू गोपाल का मर्डर हुआ है। अभी बम्बई के इंडस्ट्रीयलिस्ट सुनील बटाऊ का मर्डर हो गया। शिवसेना के लेबर लीडर का मर्डर हो चुका है। यह सब बातें हुई हैं और इलेक्शंस तो यूनियंस के होते ही नहीं हैं। मैं लेबर मूवमेंट में रहा हूं (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please conclude by asking the question.

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता : मैंने वही सवाल पूछा है। मेरा दर्द यह है कि मंत्री जी ने किसी भी प्रश्न का जवाब नहीं दिया। इसलिए मुझे दोहराना पड़ता है कि इतनी बुरी हालत हुए होते भी वह हमें यह बताते हैं कि ट्रेड यूनियन एक्ट में यह लिखा है और महाराष्ट्र गवर्नमेंट का क्या करने का है, हमारे पास कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं है। आप इस तरह जवाब देते हैं, मैंने 'ए' से 'जी' तक डिटेल में सवाल पूछे हैं लेकिन आपने कोई भी जवाब नहीं दिया है। अब मैं क्या प्रश्न पूछूं ? (व्यवधान) मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि लेबर मूवमेंट में जो माफिया की इंटरी हुई है उसकी वजह से लेबर लीडर्स और इंडस्ट्रीलियस्ट्स के मर्डर होते हैं, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या आपको इसके बारे में जानकारी है और यदि आपको जानकारी है तो आपने इस को काउंटर एक्ट करने के लिए क्या सोचा है? यह मेरा पहला सप्लीमेंटरी प्रश्न है।

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR : Sir, the main question relates to the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh elections held on 2-4-1994. There was voting in the election. Some particular member of the Union was elected as President and Genreal Secretary of that Union. *{Interruptions)* There is no complaint from any Member to the Labour Department. How can I say that there is entry of the mafia in their Unions, when there is to complaint from any Member to any authority, especially to the

Registrar of Trade Unions in Maharashtra ? *{Interruptions)* How can I say that there is an entry of the mafia.

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : The mafia has already entered into the Unions. So many people have been murdered. The RMMS Chairman has been attacked. How does the hon. Minister say there is no information to him ? Why is he and why is the Government blind to these things ? *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please sit down. Let us conduct the House in order. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, at the instruction of the mafia he refused to resign in spite of the fact that the Chief Minister of Maharashtra asked him to resign. He did not obey the order of the Chief Minister . He obeyed the orders of the mafia. And he is still the Chairman, How does the Minister say that he did not know anything about it ?

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Sir, Hon. Mehta Ji is a veteran trade union leader. He knows the trade union leaders and he knows how the trade unions function. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : 1 have not called you to ask the question. Please sit down, Mr. Pradhan.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Sir, there are so many unions. Sir, the question pertains to*...interruptions)*

MR, CHAIRMAN : Please sit down. I have not called you, Mr. Pradhan, Will you sit down ?

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : I will sit down but.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please, do sit d(?wn and don't talk. Both are required. Has the Minister got any light to throw on the subj ect.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Sir, I am in agreement with the concern expressed by the Members. In the newspapers also stories about these activities have been published. But in a trade union matter we are guided by the Trade Union Act of 1926. They elect members and office bearers. If there is no complaint from a single member of that union to the Registrar of Trade Unions, how can I say that a particular person elected in a particular union _____ *(Interrup tions)* In what way is the hon. Member suggesting that the Govern ment should interfere in the elec tions of the trade unions ? There are so many trade unions. *(Interrup tions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Bala-ram, I am sorry, Mr. Mehta has not exhausted his second supplementary.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, Mr. Mehta has not exhausted his supplementary; and then my supplementary is there.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mehta, please put your second supplementary.

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता : बात तो यह है कि पहले प्रश्न का तो जवाब उन्होंने दिया ही नहीं।

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : वाक आउट कीजिए। नहीं दे रहे हैं जवाब तो वाक आउट कीजिए।

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता : बात जो है, वे कहते हैं..(व्यवधान) कन्सर्न हम बनाते हैं सिचुएशन के बारे में हम जो सवालात खड़े करते हैं। अगर आपको महाराष्ट्र गवर्नमेंट ने कुछ भी नहीं बताया तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि आप अखबार पढ़ते हैं या नहीं। फ्रंट

पेज पर मर्डर की न्यूज आती है। माफिया यूनियन कन्वर करते हैं। तो क्या आप, सिर्फ महाराष्ट्र गवर्नमेंट ने नहीं बताया, इस पर चलेंगे।

दूसरा आपने कहा कम्प्लेंट नहीं आई किसी यूनियन के मेम्बर की तरफ से। कम्प्लेंट आ ही नहीं सकती है क्योंकि माफियाज आर कंट्रोलिंग ट्रेड यूनियन्स। डेमोक्रेसी नहीं है। उनको राइट्स के बारे में कान्शियसनेस नहीं है। आपको, लेबर मिनिस्ट्री को इस तरह से सवाल उठाते हुए पूछना चाहिए था। अखबार में मर्डर की न्यूज आती है, कैप्चरिंग आफ यूनियन्स का आता है। तो आप यह न्यूज क्यों नहीं भेजते। उनकी जिम्मेदारी है या नहीं। क्यों नहीं पूछते इस बात को। ट्रेड यूनियन मूवमेंट अगर इस तरह से खत्म होता है तो इंडस्ट्रियल इकनामी का भी डेवलपमेंट नहीं हो सकता है यह आप नहीं जानते हैं। इसलिए मैं दुबारा पूछता हूं क्या आपको यह खबर है कि नहीं और यह बात आप उनसे पूछिए कि यह अखबार में कैसे आया और आपको क्या करना चाहिए।

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have already stated that there are so many news items regarding mafia in the trade unions, criminalsation of politics and all other things. They are appearing every day in the newspapers.

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता : अगर गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया नहीं कहती तो जवाब नहीं देते।

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : The Government of India had constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam to study the working of the Trade Union Act; and the Bill to amend the Act was supposed to be introduced in this House in the last session but that was referred back to the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Labour and welfare. So, that was not introduced. There were some suggestions. They are considering them. I think it is the responsibility of the responsible members of the trade-union movement to see that such elements do not enter the trade-union movement.

श्री विष्णु कांत शास्त्री : इस सवाल के बाद यह जांच पड़ताल करेंगे। यह आश्वासन देंगे। अब तो उनको सूचना मिल गयी है।

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Mr. Chairman, Sir,I do not know whether I should pity or I should excoriate this Government.

SOME HON. MEMBERS : Why ?

SHRI G. G. SWELL : I will explain it to you. ... *(Interruptions)* Do you know the meaning of "excoriate" ?

SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY : I know.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Okay. They blissfully seem to be unaware of what is going on in this country despite the fact that prominent trade union leaders were murdered. The other day a prominent industrialist of Bombay was murdered as a result of the intra-union rivalry. The reply of the Minister is entirely negative, "The Government cannot do this, cannot do that. The trade Union Act cannot do this, cannot do that." Therefore, let mafias take control of the trade unions. They think that they will have industrial development and exports in this manner. If I understood the Minister correctly, he said that there was a proposal to amend the Trade Union Act. Mr. Minister is that correct ?

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Yes.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : 1 am happy that they are going to amend this Act because it is outmoded and outdated. But before this Bill is brought to this House, will the Government consider having a short duration discussion on the subject so that the opinion of every section of the House can be reflected

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Swell, you may give notice for a short duration discussion. We will consi der it. Mr. N.E. Balaram..... *(Interruptions)....*

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Mr. Chairman,' what is the answer ? *(Interruptions).* Are they favourably inclined towards a short-duration discussion in this House ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is not the Minister who decided it.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Sir, it is for the Chairman to decide it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will consider it.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM : I would like to draw the attention of this House to the fact that in Bombay it has become very difficult to run the trade-union movement in a democratic way because not only in one area but in several trade-union areas, the mafias are trying to get elected by force; not by democratic elections but by force. They have got muscle power; they are killing people; they are threatening people. The Chief Minister of Maharashtra has stated in the State Assembly that they will look into it in a serious manner. But there is the Minister saying that we cannot do anything. The Chief Minister himself has admitted to it the other day and has said that they will look into it in a serious manner. What are you going to say in such a situation ?

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : If it is election in a trade union, then we are governed by the Trade Unions Act. The Chief Minister might have said it in view of the law and order situation. The Chief Minister has every right to look into the matter and take appropriate steps to control this type of activity.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Sir, the entry of mafia is not a new thing.

मुझे 1952 की बात याद आ गई। हमारे बिहार में एक कोल फील्ड में, पं० नेहरू प्रधान मंत्री थे, उन्होंने जय प्रकाश जी को कहा कि हिन्द मजदूर सभा में कुछ माफिया लोग आ गए हैं। उसके बाद एक इन्क्वायरी कमीशन बहाल हुआ था।

Under the convenorship of late P. Singh who was himself a veteran trade-unionist.

उस कमीशन के बाद यह पता चला कि 5 आदमी सचमुच में करप्ट थे और उनको एच.एम.एस. से निकाल दिया गया। द सेम पीपुल ज्वाइन आई.एन.टी.यू.सी०। तब जयप्रकाश जी ने नेहरू जी को पूछा था कि हमारे साथ जो करप्ट थे, आपके साथ जैसे पवित्र हो गए जगन्नाथ जी यहां बैठे हैं इनको याद होगा। उसमें से एक आदमी बी. पी. सिन्हा साहब लेटरमान् ही था मर्डर। यह तो उसी समय से चलता आ रहा है। इस प्रश्न का जो मुख्य मुद्दा होना चाहिए वह यह कि आज के दिन में ट्रेड यूनियन में करप्ट लोग बाहर से आ रहे हैं, इसमें कोई दो राय नहीं है। वे कंट्रोल करना चाहते हैं। लेकिन साथ-साथ बम्बई में जो बातें हो रही हैं वह दूसरे शहरों में भी हो रही हैं जो कल कारखानें बंद हो रहे हैं चाहे जिस कारण से हों मैं उसमें जाना नहीं चाहती। बम्बई में जो कॉटन टैक्सटाइल में हड़ताल हुई थी उसके बाद बहुत सारे कल-कारखानें बंद हो गए। जूट के कारखानें कलकत्ते में बंद हो रहे हैं और वह जो जमीन जहां

पर है कारखान जहां those who were in the prime land. अब उसमें जमीन बेचने का रियल इस्टेट का जो झगड़ा चल रहा है उसी कारण ये मर्डर आज के दिन हो रहे हैं जिसमें सुनील खटाउ का मर्डर हुआ। सरकार को उस दिशा में भी ध्यान देना चाहिए या उसके बारे में कुछ करना चाहिए।

जो राष्ट्रीय हिन्द मजदूर सभा में जो कुछ हुआ है, हमें भी मालूम है कि क्या हो रहा है, हम भी जानते हैं कि वहां क्या हो रहा है, बिल्कुल माफिया के कन्ट्रोल में वह आर्गेनाइजेशन चला गया है आप दैट बिलांग्ज टू आ.एन. टी.यू.सी. जिसको घटोवार साहब भी जानते हैं, उसके बारे में वह अच्छी तरह से जानते हैं। तो उस को अगर आप सुधारेंगे नहीं तो खाली यह कह देने से उनका ट्रेड यूनियन रजिस्ट्रेशन एक्ट के तहत काम होता है और हम उस में कुछ कर नहीं सकते। सरकार कर सकती है वह चाहती तो कर सकती थी और आज भी कर सकती है। सरकार चाहती ही नहीं है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please conclude.SHRIMATI KAMLA'SINHA : The Governent is part and parcel of th who!e thing. That is rny quest'on.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : The question is whether the Government is part of it.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Sir, the hon. Members are trying to make a conclusion that Mr. Khatau was killed in the inter-union rivalry. Sir, I think the investigation is not yet concluded and to draw a conclusion at this stage in such a sensitive matter and attribute it to certain trade-unions is not being fair on the part of the hon. Members, to those particular unions.

As for the law and order situation, definitely the Government will take appropriate steps to control such types of activities in the trade-union movement or in the society as a who c.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA : The Govrent is not con ducting an inquiry into it. Why are you not setting up a commitee to inquire into the matter ?

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: You must take a step, definite step. ... .*(Interruptions)*_____

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing more will come from the Minister: 1 know that. So, let the other questions come.

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : सदर साहब, मैं मिनिस्टर साहब से बहुत सादे शब्दों में यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि बंबई में ट्रेड यूनियन एक्टिविटीज के हालात खराब हैं क्योंकि वहां उन्हें माफिया ने "टेक ओवर" कर लिया है, तो क्या सरकार कुछ ऐसे कदम उठाने के लिए तैयार है जिससे कि इस किस्म का सिलसिला जारी न रहे? मैं इसे एक और सप्लीमेंटरी नहीं कह सकता, मुझ पर मेहरबानी करने के बजाय भाषण देने के मिनिस्टर साहब बताए कि वह क्या कर रहे हैं?

شری سکندر بخت: صدر صاحب میں منسٹر صاحب سے بہت سادے شبدوں میں یہ پوچھنا چاہتا ہوں کہ بمبئی میں ٹریڈ یونین ایکٹی وٹیز کے حالات خراب ہیں کیوں کہ وہاں انھیں مافیا نے "ٹیک اوور" کر لیا ہے تو کیا سرکار کچھ ایسے قدم اٹھانے کے لئے تیار ہے جس سے کہ اس قسم کا سلسلہ جاری نہ رہے۔ میں اسے ایک اور سپلیمینٹری نہیں کہہ سکتا مجھ پر مہربانی کر کے بجائے بھاشن دینے کے منسٹر صاحب بتائیں کہ وہ کیا کر رہے ہیں۔

[ ]Transliteration in Arabic Script.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR : Sir, I have already said that the matter relating to the amendment in the Trade Union Act is already with the Standing Committee of both the Houses. Definitely, the Government will take note of the suggestion given by the hon. Member in this regard. . .*(Interruptions)*..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Q. No. 684. Shri Pramod Mahajan.

SHRI E, BALANANADAN: Sir, I gave my name. I wanted to ask a specific question but you did not call me.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am sorry, I have not seen the name.

Ban on export of Cattle to Bangladesh

*684. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :†
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have banned the export of cattle from India to Bangladesh ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been continuous smuggling of meat, milch and farm animals from India to Bangladesh as reported in the Sunday Observer of 22nd May, 1994 ;

(d) if so, what is the number and value of Indian heads of cattle which have been smuggled from India to Bangladesh during the year 1993 and so far in 1994 ; and

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check the illegal trade of cattle from India to Bangladesh ?

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Pramod Mahajan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) As per the EXIM Policy 1992-97, export of beef is prohibited, while export of cattle is restricted and permitted only under licence. The Export Licensing Committee has approved licences for the export of 1,33,000 buffaloes of non-descript breed for export to Bangladesh during 1993-94, subject to certain conditions.

(c) and (d) Available reports do indicate that there is some smuggling of cattle from India to Bangladesh. Details on the quantity and value of Indian cattle seized on the border are as follows :—

Year	No. of heads of cattle seized	Value Indian (Rs. in lakhs)
1993	22915	216.71
1994 (upto April)	6938	83.84

(e) The Border Security Force (BSF) has intensified surveillance and has been strengthened for keeping a closer vigil at the border. The field formations under the Ministry of Finance have also been suitably alerted to maintain constant vigil to check such smuggling of cattle across the border.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : अध्यक्ष जी, यह भाग्य विडंबना है कि बांग्लादेश भारत में मनुष्यों की अर्थात् घुसपैठियों की तस्करी करता है और भारत से बांग्लादेश में पशु-धन की तस्करी होती है और दुर्भाग्य यह है कि भारत की सरकार न उधर से आने वाले मनुष्य की तस्करी को रोकती है और न यहां